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SUMMARY: LAINCC MEETING OF MAY 31 REVIEWED GOM LIST OF
REQUIREMENTS (REFTEL). CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT MEETING
HEREWITH SENT TO EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

1. LATIN AMERICAN INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS COMMITTEE
(LAINCC) MET MAY 31 TO REVIEW REFTEL PROPOSALS. FOLLOWING
VIEWS, COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REFLECTING LAINCC CONSIDERA-
TION MAY BE USED IN JUNE 7 MEETING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL
OJEDA.

2. COMPASS TRIP (PARA 2, I REFTEL). WITHOUT WISHING
PREJUDGE FINAL DECISION ON THREE COMPASS TRIP TEAMS, AS
OJEDA WANTS, WE PREFER CONCENTRATE FOR PRESENT ON TRAIN-
ING FIRST FIVE (OR NINE) MEN, COMPLETING AGREEMENT ON
EQUIPMENT TRANSFER AND RESPECTIVE GOM-USG RESPONSIBILITIES,
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AND WORKING OUT WAYS AND MEANS TO USE COMPASS TRIP IN MOST

EFFECTIVE MANNER IN SUPPORT OF GROUND ERADICATION EFFORT. EXPERIENCE WITH FULL-SCALE FIELD OPERATIONS MAY INDICATE NEED FOR SOME FURTHER MODIFICATION IN EQUIPMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, OR IN METHODS FOR TRANSLATING DATA THUS COLLECTED INTO TACTICAL SUCCESS IN DESTROYING POPPY FIELDS.

WE WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER AN EXPANDED POPPY DETECTION PROGRAM IN THE LIGHT OF THE 1974-75 CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE, BUT AS OF NOW IT APPEARS PREMATURE TO MAKE JUDGEMENT AS TO PROPER MIX OF COMPASS TRIP ELEMENTS WITH GROUND ERADICATION ELEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE ALSO TO SEE WHETHER COMPASS TRIP EQUIPMENT ALREADY CONTEMPLATED COULD NOT BE USED IN SECOND OR THIRD SECTORS IN ADDITION TO PRIMARY TARGET AREA. IN ANY CASE, WE THINK WE WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND THAT SOMETHING LESS THAN TWICE OR THREE TIMES INITIAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE NEEDED. AGAIN, ACTUAL OPERATING EXPERIENCE WILL BE HELPFUL IN THIS CONNECTION.

3. REPLACEMENT HELICOPTERS. (PARA 2 B 1 AND 2 REFTEL). WE ARE PREPARED REPLACE BOTH THE DESTROYED BELL 206 B, AND THE BADLY DAMAGED ONE. IN VIEW ESTIMATED REPAIR COST OF LATTER (\$150,000) CONSENSUS OF LAINCC WAS TO INITIATE NEW PROCUREMENT ACTION NOW. WE WOULD STILL WANT BELL TECH REP RECOMMENDATION ON COST AND ADVISABILITY OF REPAIRING THIS PARTICULAR DAMAGED 206, BUT NEW PROCUREMENT CONSIDERED WARRANTED REGARDLESS OF EVENTUAL REHAB DECISION GIVEN MAGNITUDE OF ERADICATION EFFORT, PROVEN USEFULNESS 206'S NORMAL ATTRITION, AND POSSIBLE PROCUREMENT LEAD TIME. AGREEMENT COVERING PROVISION THESE TWO HELICOPTERS WILL BE DRAFTED ASAP FOR PRESENTATION TO GOM.

4. FORWARD BASES (PARA 2 A REFTEL). WE LOOK FORWARD RECEIVING RESULTS PRELIMINARY FIELD SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY MANCERA AND VIDEZ. WE ANTICIPATE PROBABLE NEED FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL STUDY OF THIS KEY NEW ELEMENT IN NEXT CAMPAIGN AS BASIS FOR DECISIONS ON, FOR EXAMPLE MOST SUITABLE AIRCRAFT FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT (HELICOPTERS, FIXED WING, OR STOL), ADDITIONAL FACILITIES NEEDED, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. TIMING ON THIS IS URGENT IN ORDER PERMIT PROCUREMENT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEEDED, PREPARATION OF NEW FACILITIES, ETC., IN TIME FOR FALL ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. SUGGEST EMBASSY DISCUSS TIMETABLE AND TARGET DATES FOR STAFF WORK WITH OJEDA AT JUNE 7 MEETING. DEA WILL PROVIDE US EXPERT ASSIST THIS FURTHER REFINEMENT.

5. CESSNA AND STOL AIRCRAFT (PARA 2 B 3 AND 4). WE ARE PREPARED CONSIDER REPLACING CESSNA 185'S BUT

WOULD SUGGEST SENDING DEA AIRCRAFT SPECIALIST TO CONSULT WITH MEXICANS ON DETAILS OF THIS PROBLEM AS WELL AS PROPOSED STOL TYPE AIRCRAFT, HOW THEY ARE TO BE USED, PREFERABLE TYPE, ETC.

6. HELICOPTERS FOR TWO NEW SECTORS (PARA 2 C). WE WISH TAKE POSITIVE, ENCOURAGING POSITION WITH OJEDA ON GOM DESIRE EXPAND HELICOPTER-ASSISTED ERADICATION INTO THREE SECTORS SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND WE ARE PREPARED CONSIDER PROVIDING ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS FOR THIS PURPOSE. AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE IN FURTHER ANALYSIS SEAM EXPERIENCE (SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION) EARLIER THIS YEAR AND FIELD TESTING OF NEW TECHNIQUES GROWING OUT OF SEAM (FOR EXAMPLE, FORWARD BASE CONCEPT, IMPROVED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, MODIFICATION OF HELICOPTERS FOR BETTER TROOP AND CARGO USE) BEFORE REACHING FIRM DECISION ON EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR SUCH EXPANSION. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. CAN GOM DEFINE THREE SECTORS MORE CLOSELY IN A GEOGRAPHIC SENSE? HOW MANY AIRCRAFT DOES IT THINK WOULD BE NEEDED? ARE MAINTENANCE, STORAGE AND OPERATING BASE FACILITIES ALREADY IN PLACE? DOES OJEDA ENVISAGE SAME MIXTURE OF MFJP AND MEXICAN ARMY TROOPS IN ERADICATION EFFORT IN TWO NEW SECTORS AS WERE USED IN SEAM? DOES HE HAVE SUFFICIENT MFJP ON BOARD TO DO THIS? WILL MORE MEXICAN ARMY TROOPS BE NEEDED? WILL MFJP BE ABLE PROVIDE EXPANDED LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY TO COMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL ERADICATION EFFORT IN TWO "NEW" SECTORS? FURTHER THOUGHTS OF OJEDA ALONG THESE LINES, AND EMBASSY'S COMMENTS, WILL BE HELPFUL AS WE BEGIN PLANNING STEPPED-UP ACTIVITY IN OTHER AREAS. BECAUSE OF LONG HELICOPTER PROCUREMENT LEAD-TIME, IT IS NECESSARY TO PRESS AHEAD WITH SUCH PLANNING NOW EVEN THOUGH IMPLEMENTATION MAY HAVE TO BE STRETCHED OUT OVER CONSIDERABLE PERIOD. AGAIN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN USG AND GOM PLANNING AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL VERY DESIRABLE.

7. SPARE PARTS. WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS GOM RESUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS INVENTORY FOR CIVILIAN VERSION OF TWO BELL 212'S FOLLOWING GOM CONSULTATION WITH BELL TECH REP (PARA 2 D I REFTTEL). REGARDING BELL 206 B HELICOPTERS (PARA 2 D 2), UNDER FEBRUARY 1, 1974 AGREEMENT, USG WILL REIMBURSE UP TO \$60,000 FOR SPARE PARTS PURCHASED IN SUPPORT OF THE FOUR BELL 206'S TRANSFERRED UNDER THAT AGREEMENT. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST IN RESUPPLY OF GOM SPARE PARTS INVENTORY FOR THE OTHER BELL 206'S FOLLOWING GOM CONSULTATION WITH BELL TECH REP. HIS ETA IS JULY 1. AS TO FOUR BELL 212 HELICOPTERS, MILITARY VERSION, INFORM GOM

OF STATUS OF SHIPMENT OF SPARE PARTS PACKAGE PROVIDED UNDER DECEMBER 3, 1973 AGREEMENT (I.E. SPARES SHIPMENT BEING PROCESSED BY BELL). REGARDING EIGHT CESSNA 185'S (PARA 2 D 4), INFORM GOM THAT DEA CONSULTANT MENTIONED PARA 5 ABOVE COULD ASSIST IN DETERMINING SPARE PARTS

NEEDS FOR THESE AIRCRAFT AND WE ARE PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO ASSIST ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS, I.E., WE WOULD REIMBURSE GOM FOR ITS PURCHASES OF SPARE PARTS.

8. FUEL (PARA 2 E REFTEL). WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR 1974-1975 CAMPAIGN TO REIMBURSE GOM FOR FUEL CONSUMED (AS WE DID DURING SEAM). REQUEST ESTIMATE OF TOTAL FLYING TIME, FUEL CONSUMED PER HOURS, AND COST OF FUEL. SUGGEST EMBASSY AGAIN REMIND OJEDA WE ARE AWAITING GOM REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR FY74 ERADICATION CAMPAIGN FUEL COSTS.

9. PILOT AND MECHANICS TRAINING. WE ARE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH GRANT TRAINING (INCLUDING TUITION, INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM) ALONG LINES PROPOSED PARA 2 F REFTEL. AID OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WILL HANDLE DETAILS OF TRAINING SCHEDULES, COSTS, ETC. FOR THIS PURPOSE WE WILL NEED SPECIFICS AS TO PRESENT FLIGHT QUALIFICATIONS TRAINEES, WHEN THEY WILL BE FREE TO BEGIN TRAINING, ETC. AID REP ROBERT BRANDT PLANS VISIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEXICO WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 17 TO DISCUSS CONACYT TRAINING MATTERS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS PILOT AND MECHANIC TRAINING AS WELL WITH EMBASSY AND APPROPRIATE MEXICAN OFFICIALS. MEANWHILE, WE NEED CLARIFICATION WHETHER TRAINING ENVISAGES RECEIPT ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS OR WHETHER IT IS NEEDED IN ANY CASE FOR OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT NOW ON HAND. DOES "TURBINE" TRAINING REFER TO OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TURBINE ENGINE HELICOPTERS?

10. ARMS AND AMMO (PARA 2 G REFTEL). WE PREPARED TO GRANT ARMS AND AMMO REQUESTED (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST \$41,500) BUT APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASCERTAINING WHETHER US MADE M-14'S ACCEPTABLE IN LIEU OF BELGIAN FALS, AND SMITH AND WESSON MODEL 39 PISTOLS VICE BROWNING'S. IN THIS CONNECTION, WOULD MEETING THIS REQUEST PROVIDE ARMS TO ALL MFJP AGENTS WORKING ON NARCOTICS (WHICH WE ASSUME IS OJEDA'S GOAL)? WE UNDERSTAND THAT LACK OF ARMS FOR EACH SUCH AGENT HAS AT TIMES BEEN A PROBLEM.

11. EQUIPMENT FOR PILOTS AND MFJP ON GROUND. (PARA 2 L AND M)- WE WILL LOOK TO DEA REGIONAL OFFICE IN MEXICO FOR DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PILOT AND FLIGHT

CREW EQUIPMENT, AND ALSO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR
MFJP GROUND PERSONNEL AT FORWARD BASES. IN THIS
CONNECTION, WE WONDER IF OJEDA CAN PROCURE NEEDED EQUIP-
MENT AND SUPPLIES FOR MEXICAN ARMY TROOPS ENGAGED IN
ERADICATION EFFORT FOR USG REIMBURSEMENT, AS WAS DISCUSSED
IN PRELIMINARY WAY DURING VANCE AND BARTELS TALKS WITH

OJEDA MAY 11 AND 12.

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